

**REMARKS:**

Claims 7-9, 15-18, 24, 28 and 31-35 are presented for examination, with claims 18 and 24 having been amended hereby, new claims 31-35 having been added and claims 3, 22, 23, 27, 29 and 30 having been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

To begin with, it is respectfully submitted that applicant does not necessarily concur with the Examiner in the Examiner's analysis of the claims of the present application and the cited references.

Nevertheless, in order to expedite prosecution of the application, claims 3, 22, 23, 27, 29 and 30 having been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer. It is believed that this renders each of the rejections raised by the Examiner in the September 11, 2003 Office Action moot.

Moreover, notice is taken that claims 7-9, 15-18, 24 and 28 are allowed.

In this regard, applicant notes that claim 18 has been amended hereby in connection with an editorial change directed to the antecedence of the term proximal end and to depend from claim 16, rather than claim 17 (since both claims 16 and 17 have been acknowledged as allowable, it is believed that this amendment should not adversely affect the allowability of claim 18).

Of further note, claim 24 has been amended hereby to more clearly recite the screwdriver-receiving cavity. Again, it is believed that this amendment should not adversely affect the allowability of claim 24.

Further still, it is noted that new claims 31 and 32 (which relate, respectively, to the position of the recess and the cavity) depend from allowed claims 7 and 8. Thus, it is believed that these two new claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as claims 7 and 8, from which they depend.

In addition, it is noted that new claims 33-35 (which essentially track allowed claims 16-18 but have a container for storing a screwdriver rather than a writing instrument) are allowable for similar reasons as claims 16-18.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that each rejection raised by the Examiner in the September 11, 2003 Office Action has been rendered moot and that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance.

Finally, it is noted that this Amendment is fully supported by the originally filed application and thus, no new matter has been added. For this reason, the Amendment should be entered.

More particularly, support for the amendment to claim 18 is found in claims 16-18, as filed; at page 4, lines 1-7, as filed; in Figs. 6 and 7, as filed; and throughout the specification.

Further, support for the amendment to claim 24 is found in claims 11, 12, 15, 19 and 24, as filed; at page 4, lines 8-16, as filed; in Figs. 8 and 9, as filed; and throughout the specification.

Further still, support for new claims 31 and 32 is found in claims 1-3, 7 and 8, as filed; at page 3, lines 5-22, as filed; in Figs. 2, 2A, 4 and 5, as filed; and throughout the specification.


Further still, support for new claims 33-35 is found in claims 1, 10, 16, 17 and 18, as filed; at page 4, lines 1-7, as filed; in Figs. 6 and 7, as filed; and throughout the specification.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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